

parties selling silver, and in the order of their priority of sale.

"At the New Orleans Branch Mint, an option is reserved to subscribers, partially or entirely, drafts the Assistant Treasurer of New York, for the gold otherwise payable for silver purchase.

"The present prices of silver, which will be continued until further notice, are as follows:

"Five dollars of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili and Spain, for each ounce; and for silver coin of the United States other than the cents, \$1.21 an ounce gross.

"For the coins of Sweden and of the Northern States of Germany, \$1.01 an ounce.

"For silver in bars, for mixed coins, and for other silver coins not above specified, \$1.21 for each ounce at standard fineness, (one tenth,) as determined on assay at the Mint.

In regard to the Cotton crop, Mr. Wm. P. Wright says in his Circular:

"From the Atlantic States we hear more favorable reports; the plant has received under the recent rains no showers, and are though still sound, appearing better than at any previous time at this season. From New Orleans, on the contrary, we have reports of much rain. Visor together, the crop in this option can yet be formed as to the probable yield—*as everything hangs upon the state of weather during the coming month or two.*

"In our receipts at the ports, during the week under review have been only 3,000 bales against 10,000 in the corresponding week last season. This excess is reduced to 7,000 bales.

"The following is a statement of the movement in Cotton since the 1st of September last, as computed with the previous three years:

1853. 1852. 1851. 1850.

Receipts at the Ports.....\$2,114,000 \$2,010,000 \$2,000,000 \$1,921,835

Exports to Great Britain.....1,000,000 1,044,000 1,033,000 960,000

Exports to France.....116,000 112,000 20,000 10,000

Exports to other foreign ports.....1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000

Total Exports.....\$2,132,000 \$2,033,000 \$2,033,000 \$1,932,835

Stock on hand.....100,000 178,000 178,000 178,000

Or which during the past week, increased by 100,000.

1853. 1852. 1851. 1850.

Receipts at the Ports.....10,000 1,000 1,000 1,000

Exports to Great Britain.....20,000 17,000 21,000 20,000

Exports to France.....7,000 8,000 8,000 8,000

Exports to other foreign ports.....42,000 20,000 20,000 37,000

From which it will be seen that the excess in exports now amounts to 207,000 bales. This increase in exports to Great Britain, 56,000 bales. Other foreign ports, 1,000 bales. Total increase in exports, 57,000 bales.

The Superintendent of the Banking Department has fixed upon the following form for making their weekly returns, the first of which will be made on the 2d of August, for the week ending the 6th August:

STATEMENT OF THE BANK, as required by Chapter 250, law of 1852, for the week ending Saturday, the 6th day of August.

Average amount of issues and discounts.....\$1

Average amount of circulation.....\$1

Average amount of deposits.....\$1

The statement to be given by the President or Cashier of the

Michigan Central Railroad Company have made their annual report to the Stockholders, from which we gather the following statistics and statements. These figures seem to show that the Company have divided in dividends more than they have earned. The report states for the year ending 31st May, 1853, the gross receipts have been—

For Passengers.....\$269,927.37 Against 1852.....\$207,457.62

For Freight.....\$1,336.33 Against 1852.....\$14,000.00

For Maintenance.....\$1,633.29 Against 1852.....\$1,707.51

Operating Exps.....\$149,373.31 Against 1852.....\$173,291.15

Leaving to Receipts.....\$26,811.73 Against 1852.....\$61,461.50

Surplus from 1852.....\$2,359.00 Against 1852.....\$1,707.51

Interest.....\$24,714.12 Against 1852.....\$19,610.01

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